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OSA Picnic Offers an Afternoon of Fellowship and Good Times

The OSA will hold its annual Family Picnic on Sunday, August 30 at Theodore Stone Grove #1 (see map attached). This grove, the site of recent picnics, has a pavilion and lots of space for family and friends.

Several activities will be offered at this year's event. Staffs from the past have an opportunity to play with staffs from the present in a spirited volleyball game. The coed baseball game is ready to begin. Last year, batting averages were down, probably the result of eighteen players on a side. The horseshoes await the champion tosser. For those of us who just want to sit and gab, there's plenty of time for that.



Children enjoy the picnic games.

An OSA picnic wouldn't be right without some activities for children. Each year, we seem to attract more of these. Our picnic coordinators have planned a variety of children's games and races, something for all ages. We'll have prizes and awards for every child. A few other surprises are planned for the kids such as face-painting and helium balloons.

We also invite the members of the present camp staff to spend an afternoon with us. The day provides an excellent opportunity for them to get back together one last time after their summer at Owasppe before they head on out

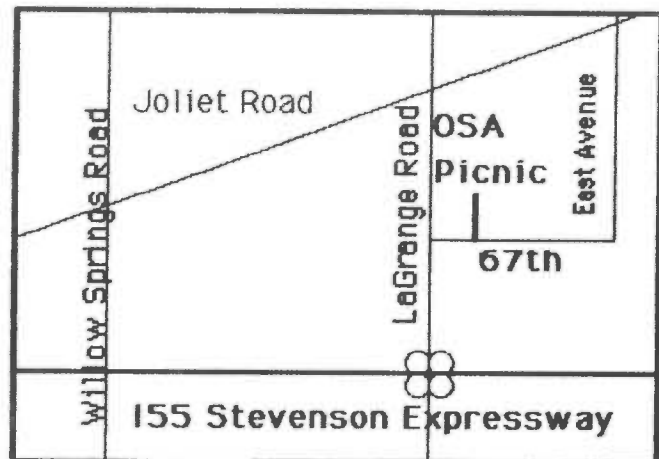


Marilyn Kulak scores a point vs. Mark Karall

to school and other employment. As always, we hope they'll share some stories with us dinosaurs from the past, who are always excited by news from camp.

The OSA annual picnic offers everyone a chance to meet with old friends on a warm, breezy Sunday afternoon. Call your friends and load up the car. We hope to see you all at the picnic. Last year, about 100 members of the OSA and their families and friends participated in the day's events.

The grove opens at 10 a.m. Members may want to bring tables and chairs.



Theodore Stone Grove #1

67th Street East of LaGrange Road

President's Perspective

by George Johnson



The times they are a changin' ... Hey, Buddy, can you spare some time?

Each of us, as members of the Owasippe Staff Association, needs to stop and reflect on the meanings we personally find in the phrases above. We need to ask, "Am I doing all that I can to support the Association, the camp, and the campers."

How are the times changing? A reorganization of the Chicago Area Council is taking place, and the camping committee as we knew it will be replaced by a Camp Promotion Committee headed by OSA member Gordie Steiffel and an Outdoor Program Committee headed by Chuck Nagel, another OSA member. Both Gordie and Chuck have served as members of our Board of Directors. Steve Horvath, who formerly headed the camp committee, will now serve as Council Vice President for Program. Steve will also oversee the Hoover Development and the camping properties of the Council, which includes Owasippe. The camp properties and development structure as we knew it has gone the way of the lower lakes; it's taking a rest.

Hey, Buddy, can you spare some time? The OSA will likely be asked to assist in some of the same areas it has in the past and also to become involved in additional initiatives in support of Owasippe. I urge each one of you to respond to the anticipated requests for assistance with an open mind and a sense of commitment to the future. We can and do make a difference in the camping experience scouts receive at Owasippe and in the lives of present staff members. The commitment of each OSA member is important to the camp, the campers, and the staff.

Don't just say no if you are asked to participate in an OSA activity or on a special assignment for camp promotion or planning. We are an organization of resources which strives to make itself available. Our past accomplishments can make us proud, as well they should, but now we must look to our next challenge. As the times change, the challenges must also change. Your Board of Directors will examine any requests for help and accept only well conceived proposals for implementation by the OSA. Your ideas and input are welcomed by the OSA Board and those directly responsible for the Goals and objectives of the Chicago Area Council. Call any OSA Board member or Gordie and Chuck with your thoughts and ideas.

In closing, I want again to thank all the members of the project committee for their efforts. They did a fine job. You can still aid the Field Sports Range Project Fund by making that forgotten final (or first) pledge payment. Our financial commitment to this project has not been fully funded as of this writing. If you know of some available sources of funding such as a matching gift from your employer, let Pat Monahan know.

If you can volunteer to chair an event or OSA activity, let me know.

The times they are a changin' ... Hey, Buddy, can you spare some time?

The Tale of the Camp Counselor

By Karen Schaefer

There was a camp counselor in their party
Who was young, healthy, strong and hearty.
He chose to spend his long hot summer
At a boy scout camp among the lumber.
He wore a uniform of boy scout, khaki green
Slightly wrinkled and worn, barely clean.
His scruffy hair could use a trim
And few were the whiskers on his chin.
On his feet, hiking boots he wore
And bulky wool socks to keep his feet from getting sore.
For he goes on great hikes through the trees
Teaching the scouts to identify leaves.
He knows much about the forest, lakes, and sky
And willingly answers anyone who asks "why?"
He's kind and tolerant toward the scouts.
He holds his temper even when they're louts.

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Opening Banquet, Blackhawk Style

Staff Week. The words themselves bring back memories of long days of work and long evenings of training. But it always seems that staffs manage to develop that special spirit that marks Owasippe. That spirit is always most evident at the closing staff week banquet, where staffs produce songs and skits. This year, the Blackhawk staff performed a song to the tune of "One Singular Sensation" from "A Chorus Line." Like many staffs, the Blackhawk staff parodied some of the new rules of the Reservation, in this case a curfew rule, a meal-ticket rule, and a no-cars-in-camp rule. All of these rules, in place for a while, have subsequently been repealed. Oh, the power of parody! We thought our readers would enjoy the text of the Blackhawk song.

One-hundred regulations
Every little step we take
Gerry—Sanders will be watching
For every rule that we break.
We'll need to find a new job
If we don't o—bey.
Feels like we're in the Army
Is the hair o—kay?

What—happens if we're hungry
And we have forgotten our cards?
Does it mean we have to starve today—Ay
Hey, Tom, we're a bunch of good guys
So, please, send us our supplies
Right—A—Way!

Camp—each year is getting tougher.
All we want to have is fun
Gordy—I hear the living's easy
Over there at Camp Bun
The new staff cabins are coming, they should, be, great!
Five years they are in the making
I just can't wait.

To—keep all the cars out
They decide to build new gates
Now we're wond'ring what our fate will be—e
Can, I, make it through the summer
Eleven—o'clock, it is such a bummer
At Owa—si—ppe.

DNR Establishes Eagle Sanctuary

Perhaps there is no better home for a bald eagle than a boy scout camp, and Owasippe is indeed fortunate to have an active nest of eagles again this summer. This continues a string of consecutive years which dates back to the sixties and perhaps before.

The present nest, which has been inhabited for four years, is located behind the Camp Carlen Staff Row, right up the hill from the Carlen field sports ranges. This quiet meadow is sheltered from the flow of visitors, particularly those small ones in green uniforms, and has provided an excellent, safe location. From atop a huge oak tree, some fifty feet high, the eagles soar over the Reservation, often visible swinging in giant rings over the Ad Center.



An eagle perches on a branch beside its nest.

In June, representatives of the Department of Natural Resources from Muskegon journeyed to Owasippe to observe the eagles first hand. One strapped on climbing boots and visited the nest, where she found two young eaglets, which she described as among the most gentle and tame she has ever seen. She then banded the eagles so that they can be monitored. In addition, she declared the area an eagle sanctuary. Signs with this designation are now posted in and about the site.

Eagles continue to return to a nest throughout their lifetimes. Two other nests have been active in the past at Owasippe. One is the nest on the Blue Trail near Camp Wolverine South, which is designated as a trail campsite on Owasippe Maps, and another at Camp Blackhawk, up from the dining hall along Lakeview hill. No remnant of this latter nest remains.



An Eaglet surveys the valley beneath its nest.

Up 'N Coming



Fall Fix-It/Family Weekend Set For October 9-12 at Owasippe

Perhaps no activity sponsored by the OSA has enjoyed the growth in participation of the Fall Fix-It at Owasippe. The beautiful Autumn colors, the chance to share a day of work with good friends, and the opportunity to enjoy the Reservation throughout the Columbus Day Weekend combine to make this activity a very successful one.

If you have not attended our Fall weekend, we'll describe it for you. On Saturday, our workers (at least one from each family) complete work projects. Many of the projects involve closing down Owasippe and preparing it for winter. Sometimes, we complete special projects. Last year, we demolished the Camp Robert Crown boat docks and removed the fixtures and interior walls from a family camp sanitary unit. This work prepared the way for new construction this Spring. The jobs range from electrical work to plumbing. If you have a skill or just a willingness to work, we can sure use your help.

Our weekend provides more than an opportunity to support Owasippe through your labors. The OSA offers a full program of activities for families. Family Camp

(Camp Reneker), where our members, their families and friends will stay, provides the setting for a day of activities. Children have an opportunity to participate in games such as Treasure Hunt and Hide N Seek. Boating at Lake Wolverine is also available. In addition, we'll hike to the Quaking Bog. Later in the evening, we'll hold a campfire for everyone, roast marshmallows and sing songs. Again this year, we'll offer pony-cart rides for children on Sunday. Jim and Linda Schlichting will again chair this event, and they always plan something special for the children.

The OSA will provide breakfast and lunch meals for all workers, and we invite our members and their families to be our guests at Saturday evening dinner.

We encourage everyone to enjoy the pleasures of Owasippe all day Sunday (and Monday, if they wish). Don't be in a hurry to leave! We guarantee that a few days at Owasippe in October is "just what the doctor ordered."

REGISTRATION: To order a cabin, call George Johnson at 849-4263. JUST A REMINDER! Family cabins do not have utensils and dishes or bedding.

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He knows he's a hero in their eyes.
By the scout law he lives, no cheating or lies.
When the kids use language that isn't so nice
He pulls them aside and gives them advice:
"Now scouts, that language isn't so cool;
You don't sound smart, you sound like a fool!"
He spreads the camp spirit, and this he knows,
When the scouts walk by and their happiness shows.
But sometimes the green grubbies are too much,
And the camp counselor escapes to relax and such.
His refuge is his staff cabin, merely a tent
With a roof that leaks and many a rodent
Here he retreats from the uniformity of his duties
To piles of dirty laundry, loud music, and nudies.
Centerfolds and beer signs from wall to wall.
The scouts think he's perfect, but he's human after all.
So after a day filled with scout after scout
He gets spiffed up and to town he goes out.
Sometimes to the movies, other times the bar,
Where the dancing and food and women aren't far.
But on other nights he takes it easy and mellows

Around a campfire with beers and camp fellows.
They drink and they sing all the latest camp tunes
But their jumbled up words leave the lyrics in ruin.
They cuss and they swear, are obnoxious and loud,
They let it all loose in a wild, merry crowd.
Around 3:30 or so they call it quits,
8:00 at flag ceremony the camp counselor's the pits.
Back to camp food—goulash and mystery meat
And back to merit badges, bratty kids and sore feet.
The counselor is happy though and gives out a dollar
'Cause tonight's payday—a huge thirty-two dollars.
Why does he work for bad food and long hours,
Low pay, poor housing, little free time and cold showers?
'Cause he loves the outdoors, fresh air and hot sun.
And he loves his fellow staffers and all of their fun.
He enjoys the camp spirit and remembers the day
When he too was a scout and loved to play
In the wondrous camp with opportunities galore:
Swimming, fishing, sailing and more.
He remembers the staff whom he looked at as kings.
And he wants to repay by giving others these things.

Gerry Sanders Directs Owasippe

For the third time in three years, Owasippe has a new Reservation Director. Bill Morrison officially resigned from the Chicago Area Council in early June. Replacing Bill is Gerry Sanders, who was formerly Director of Support Services for the Council.

Bill Morrison's tenure in Chicago was complicated by his inability to sell his home in Saginaw, Michigan, where he formerly served, and to bring his family to Chicago. After 18 months of commuting, Morrison applied for a position as a district executive in the Flint Council, where he is now employed. His place of employment is now within commuting range of his home. During his stay here, Bill was a strong supporter of the OSA, and at both FIX-IT weekends, Bill was the first to hit the job site and the last to leave. The OSA wishes Bill well in his new position.

As part of the reorganization of the Council, Gerry Sanders has been appointed Director of Camping Services, a new position in the Council. Ken Walters will now serve as the Director of Finance and the Director of Support Services. Gerry had little time to ponder his new job before Owasippe opened, only two days, and he has relied heavily upon his experienced camp directors. The OSA welcomes Gerry in his new position and looks forward to a productive relationship with him.

Trail Committee Preps for Summer

By Mark Trails

During the 1987 OSA Work Weekend, trail committee members Tom Crissey, Bill Dopke and Jim Richerson replaced scores of Fleur Des Lis along Owasippe's Trail System.

In April, the team had discovered that a number of markers were missing from the most recently logged section that roughly stretches in a wedge from Bass Lake to the Marl Beds, extending to Lake Wolverine. Taken with the trees were intermittent sections of Blue Trail markers from Shrew Springs to the Marl Beds and sections of Orange Trail between Kingsley Dam and the old Eagles's nest.

Improvements were also made on the Red Trail where it crosses Russell Road. Blown-down trees and branches had obscured the trail. Also blue markers were added around the backside of Owasippe Lake where the trail was difficult to follow.

Finally, at the request of Terry Horvath, a white trail was put in from the backside of "B" section in Family Camp to the Quaking Bog.

With this last effort the trails should be in peak form for the '87 camping season. Happy Hiking.

Project Update

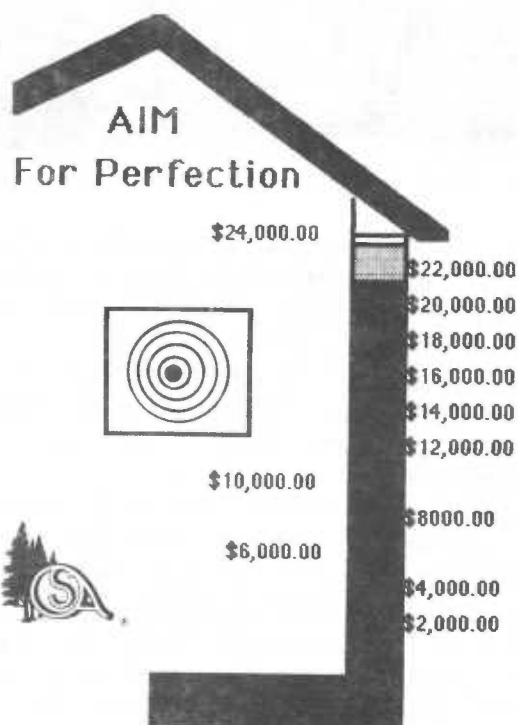


Project Monies Still Needed

As the attached graphic demonstrates, the OSA has not yet reached its target goal. At present, we have pledges totally \$23,500.00, which leaves us \$500 short of our goal. Expenses already incurred have depleted the project fund, leaving us a few dollars short. If you have not yet made a donation, please consider making one today.

The project graphic also reveals that while we have received the above amount in pledges, we have to date received only \$20,250.00. At this time, we urge members to redeem the pledges they made toward our goal in November of 1985. We need your help now.

Members who make donations to the project are eligible to receive premiums. Contributors of \$250.00 or more will receive an attractive OSA jacket as well as an OSA cap (\$100.00) and OSA travel mug (\$50.00). Donors of \$500.00 will also receive two tickets to our annual March dinner dance. Contributors of \$1000.00 will receive additionally a stainless steel inscribed plaque. Project premiums will be mailed to all members who have not yet received them in August. We thank these donors for their patience.



Follow-Up

OSA Completes Its Range Project: A Splendid Job Done by All

The Fix-it weekend at Owasispe in May was a huge success. The OSA completed not only its two field sports ranges, but also other major projects which had been scheduled by the Council.

The range work was spearheaded by Bob Bayirsha who arrived on Thursday and readied the sites for our efforts. Tony Krier helped him to prepare for the weekend, pre-cutting materials and assisting Bob in their distribution. Part of the early work required the preparation of the existing range sites, tearing down fences and targets and removing shingles from the existing 8' by 40' pavilions. The OSA design involved the attaching of a 12' by 20' building to these existing structures. With a small advance crew, which included George Johnson, Don Bryla, Scope, Bruce Thornton, Pat Monahan, John Pischl, Bill Morrison, Gary Hanson and others, a good start was made on the Wolverine Range on Friday. The frame was standing at the end of the day, and the roof was started.



The Robert Crown Range viewed from the target.

On Saturday, Chauncey organized sixty-five OSA members into a variety of work groups. In addition to the range project, Chauncey directed OSA members into other major work projects. Kevin Murphy led a group of pipe fitters into the Food Prep Basement, where they installed a sprinkling system, a full two-day project which they completed late Sunday afternoon. Tom Murphy led a team of electricians in installing a heat sensor system in the basement also. Another group of ten under the leadership of Bill Richerson and Jim Smolinski headed to Maintenance, where they built more than forty floorboards which were badly needed in the camps. Pat Foster, the Typetanars, and Pat Romcoe inventoried the Trading Post, which they later opened for business for OSA Members. Sheridan Nunn along with others opened the museum and prepared it for visits during the

weekend. Finally, Jim Richerson took the Trail Committee out onto the trails.

While these projects took many members, the range work proceeded smoothly. By Saturday evening, the Wolverine range had been almost completed. Joe Bolbot, Cathy Chikow and others had completed the fence around the perimeter of the range, and Guy Gogliotti, Scope, Mike Sanchez and others had roofed and shingled the building. Throughout the day, the OSA enjoyed terrific weather, warm but breezy, and unlike last year, workers basked in the sun. At Crown, the frame was up, Roy Martino and crew had started the roof, and Phil Pappas had begun the storage building.



The Wolverine Range is almost done.

On Sunday morning, a small crew of members returned to the Crown site, where they worked throughout the day. Scott Weber and others completed the roof and began shingling. Chuck Nagel and others worked on the targets and fences. This range was not completed on Sunday, but Guy Gogliotti returned the next weekend to finish the shingling. Pat Monahan and Tony Krier completed the storage buildings at both sites later in June (We had run short of tongue-and-groove lumber on the weekend). Pat and Tony also installed the doors. Vince Rychtanek and Dave Strenski cut the bolts at each site and completed other small projects.

Today, in each of the section camps, a building stands in testimony of the OSA's commitment to Owasispe and its future. Our efforts, valued at more than \$40,000.00, demonstrate the dedication of our members who devoted countless hours and monies to the realization of this project. The OSA in particular thanks Pat Monahan, who coordinated the project throughout its two years, and Bob Bayirsha who organized the work crews at Owasispe. The OSA also wishes to thank Bill Morrison, the former Director of Camping, for his support throughout the project, and in particular, for his efforts on the job site. Our project could not have been completed without the strong cooperation of the employees of the Chicago Area Council.



Camps Crown and Carlen Merge

During the 1987 staff week, a decision to consolidate Camps Robert Crown and Carlen was made. This decision was necessitated as a result of declining registration for Owasisippe, which translate into dollars, and a shortage of staff.

Projected population of scouts at Owasisippe during the first period was lower than expected, an almost 28 per cent decline from the same period one year ago. The combined numbers of scouts and leaders at Robert Crown and Carlen was approximately 150, and Gerry Sanders and his staff felt that one camp could adequately handle a combined group.

The consolidation has been managed with consideration for troops at each camp. For example, swimming is done in the Carlen pool, while waterfront activities occur at Crown. Lone troop swimming is available at Robert Crown, and this facility will be opened for free swim if population grows large later in the summer. Both field sports sights are active, with sports running from the Carlen Range and rifle and shotgun from the Crown Range. Scoutmasters polled during the second period expressed satisfaction with the efforts the staff has put out to create a unified camp experience. The staff has established a "Big C" spirit.

A second reason for the merger was a shortage of camp staff, most pressing at Camp Carlen. With the merger, a full staff was achieved as well as providing some staff to fill other positions around the Reservation. The lack of availability of staff and last minute staff cancellations continue to cause difficulties during staff week and beyond.

With the decline in population and with a need to reduce the budget, Administrative assignments at Owasisippe have changed significantly since the opening of camp. Kevin Ryan, Brian Arcenau, and Tom Cowley, members of the professional staff formerly assigned to Ad Center in Asst. Reservation Director capacities, have been reassigned to their home Councils. Jim Gallagher, formerly director of Carlen, has assumed the responsibilities of Asst. Reservation Director for Program. Art Grove, formerly Asst. Camp Director at Wolverine, is acting as the Asst. Reservation Director for Services. Bob Daman, originally scheduled as the Crown Camp Director, has become the Robert Crown/ Carlen Camp Director.

The population decline at Owasisippe, however, represents the most serious problem which must be addressed. Owasisippe no longer serves only the Chicago Area Council, and its section camps are filled by many out-of-council troops. Other camps in the region compete with Owasisippe for these units. They also compete for Chicago Area Council Troops as well.

Owasisippe's leaders recognize that Owasisippe can increase its population most effectively by delivering a quality scouting program, which maximizes the potential of Owasisippe, the most attractive scout camp in the Midwest. Steve Horvath, Vice President of the Council for Program, is holding a session to plan for the program future of Owasisippe in August. He has invited many present and former staff to assist in shaping a vision of Owasisippe's programmatic future.

Owasisippe Earns Another "A" Rating

In July, Owasisippe again earned the highest award possible in the BSA National Inspection. This summer, the inspection team from Northwest Suburban Council returned to Owasisippe. This team represented the East Central Region for Inspection and were completing their second year of evaluation at Owasisippe. Assisting this team were members of the West Suburban Council, who will comprise next year's evaluation team. Their presence at this year's evaluation insured the continuity of the evaluation program for next season, when they will begin their two-year look at Owasisippe.

John MacDonald, leader of the inspection team, praised Owasisippe, in particular, for its "overwhelming response" to concerns listed by the team in last year's evaluation. First on the list of changes to be highlighted was the building of ranges at Camps Wolverine and Robert Crown. Other notable changes were the improvements made in staff housing. (During pre-camp, workers completely repaired Reservation staff cabins, in most cases replacing existing flooring and screening, in some replacing walls and doors.) Among the services highlighted by the inspectors was the PFM food services. One inspector described Food Prep as the cleanliest, most well run restaurant in the County.

Lin Carter, Scout Executive, congratulated all the members of the staff for their preparation for the camping season. In addition, he thanked volunteers, particularly the OSA, for their continuing involvement in Owasisippe.

The Galloping Grapevine



CATCHING THE BIG ONE ... Owasippe seems to be a fisherman's delight this summer. Evidencing this is **Hank Steggall's** accumulation of "keepers," mostly large mouth bass from Lake Wolverine. During staff week, Hank took in a 6-pounder which he was saving to mount only to have that catch surpassed by another at 6 lbs. 12 oz., one of the largest bass catches in Muskegon and Oceana counties this year. **Phil "Chauncey" Nizio** also contributed to the booty by nabbing a 4 lb. large mouth bass in Mud Lake at Camp Carlen.



Hank Steggall shows off his prize catch.

BACK IN ACTION ... Working as a part-time associate to **Glenn Roberts** this summer in the Reservation business office is **John Brown**, who will be volunteering his talents during the last 3 periods. John has recently retired both as a school teacher and as a senior ranking officer with the Air Force Reserve. He keeps himself occupied as Township Clerk while residing in Brooklyn, Michigan. JB also reports the marriage of his son **Scott**.

SOMETHING NEW ON THE MENU ... **Martin Young** proudly announces his engagement to **Wanda Blackwell** of Chicago. Their wedding is planned for September 12 at West Ridge United Methodist Church. Martin is employed as a cook for the Standard Club of downtown Chicago.

A LITTLE CHAIN SAW MUSIC ... **Edgar Wolff-Klammer** has become an international traveller of late for his employer, Underwriter Laboratories. This spring he visited Japan, and in June Sweden. Edgar tests and certifies chain saws for international firms as well as others. **Diane (Young) Wolff-Klammer** didn't make these trips, but stayed at home readying for the arrival of their firstborn, expected in early September.

A STAFFMAN OF THE FUTURE ... **Scott Phillip Stiefel** made his arrival into our world on July 13 at 6:56 a.m. The delighted parents, **Gordie** and **Tina**, report his entry weight at 6 lbs. 10 oz. (Sorry, just 2 ozs. short of Hank Steggall's prize catch.) The arrival of Scott was learned at Owasippe one hour after his birth when the proud father called the business office requesting a staff application.

WEDDING BELLS ... **John Janis** wed **Loralee Nelson** on January 17. Loralee hails from Morton Grove, and her father was a Dan Beard Camper in the '50s. John worked on the Owasippe staff for seven years, most recently last summer as a commissioner at Blackhawk.



OSA Members Joan Budzileni (l) and Gina Wood "congratulate" John Janus at wedding reception.



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MORE WEDDING BELLS . . . John Kosik and Jayne Kelly will tie the matrimonial knot on August 29 at St. Clement's Church in Chicago. They will take up residence in Chicago. They wish to dispel the rumors that they will be honeymooning at Owasippe.

DANCING ON LA SALLE . . . On July 16, ten OSA members and their spouses helped at the annual La Salle Street Dinner/Dance Benefit for the Chicago Area Council. In attendance were **George and Georgia Johnson, Ron and Marilyn Kulak, Rusty and Carol Martino, Kevin and Beth Murphy, and Chauncey and Mary Beth Niziol.**

THANK HEAVEN FOR LITTLE GIRLS . . . Linda and Pat Monahan proudly announce the birth of their daughter, **Kathleen Marie**, who was born on April 29 at 11:26 p.m. Katie weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

WEBER BACK ON STAFF—OOPS! . . . That's **Cindy Weber**, not Scott. Cindy is working at Ad Center and in the Trading Post. **Scott** weekends at Owasippe and assists with swim checks at Blackhawk on Sundays. Scott now works as a real estate agent in Grand Rapids.

A SPECIAL PROGRAM . . . Frank Chlebek is coordinating the Calumet Council Dad'N Lad weekends at Camp Betz in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The four-weekend event will have roughly 1200 participants in one of the nicest and longest running programs of its kind in Chicago. **Nancy (O'Reilly) Chlebek** helps supervise the waterfront. She has been recently employed by the Chicago Park District.

ON THE INSIDE . . . Curt Andrich recently visited the Chicago area. He is employed as a policeman for Fairfax

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County, Virginia. After 8 years of good service, he is finally being switched to an inside job where he will work in a capacity as a dispatcher and as a technical advisor. He hopes to revisit again in December.

A HOUSE—RAISING . . . Roger and Diane Bevans of Montague will host a house-raising event on the Labor Day weekend. **Bob Bavirsha** and a handful of OSA buddies will be putting up the new addition to their home. We wish them the best in their venture.

JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER . . . Joe Alonso and Bonnie Wells announce the birth of their son, **Ryan Joseph**, on June 12. Ryan weighed in at exactly 8 pounds, 21 ozs.

Council Program to Reorganize

In September, the program division of the Chicago Area Council will reorganize, and this reorganization will have an effect upon Owasippe. Steve Horvath, the present chairman of the Camp Operations Committee, will become the Vice President of the Council for Program. In this new position, he will coordinate the efforts of chairman in all areas of the program in the council.

The former Camp Operations Committee has essentially been divided into three separate program areas. Gordy Stiefel will chair a Camp Promotion Committee. His committee will organize the Council promotion plan and coordinate its implementation with district personnel and the Order of the Arrow. He will also handle the campership program.

Chuck Nagel will chair the Council Outdoor Programs

Committee. His committee will oversee both boy scout and cub scout programs in the Council. A large part of his role will be Owasippe: conservation, budget, family camp, all areas which affect the program which is delivered at Owasippe. Coordination with the OSA is also part of Chuck's responsibilities.

The acquisition, sale, and maintenance of Council Camping Properties will continue to be directed by Steve Horvath as well the Hoover Development Project.

Other program areas in the Council and their respective chairmen are as follows: Training—Dan Nishibun; Health and Safety—Phil Battaglia; Advancement—Ernie Childs; High Adventure—Steve Fossett; National Eagle Scout Association—Jim Morgan; Activities—Glenn Nolte; and International Representative—Clark Fetridge.



The 1987 staff apprentices with OSA Teachers.

Apprentices Learn Of Owasippe

This year's staff apprentice (aka CIT) class was small, 14 apprentices; however they made up for it with a lot of quality, especially in their spirit and enthusiasm. Working with the apprentices during the week were OSA members Tom Bolbot, Frank Chlebek, Ron Kulak, and Chauncey Niziol. Chauncey described the group as one of the best classes he has ever seen. In his words, the term "Fire up" is back.

The week opened with a burst, of water that is, as the apprentices, Chauncey and Frank hiked from Blackhawk to the Ad Center in the pouring rain. Kulak and Tom travelled by car to Wolverine to "make sure" the tent flaps were closed. A trip down the White River from Cisco's Rollway to Canoe Central was wet, in fact, very wet, though Kulak remained dry throughout. On a hundred degree day, two Patrols hit their objectives of getting to family camp by using only map and compass

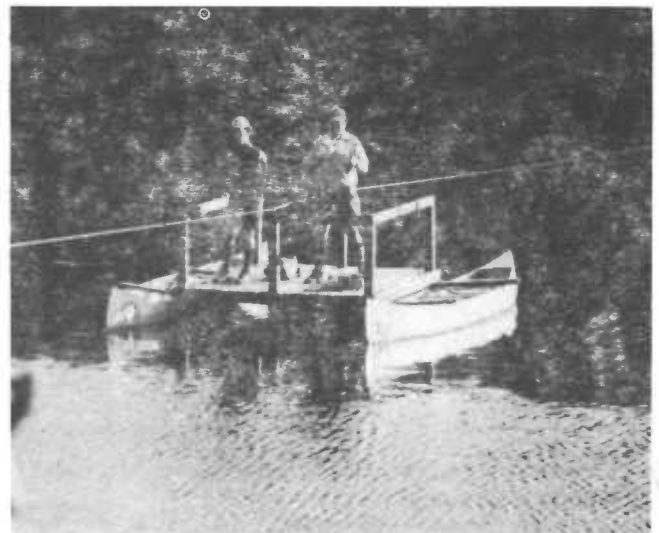
without the aid of marked trails and two-tracks. They stopped at the marl beds and discovered raspberries by the trail. At Bass Lake everyone swam, while Tommy Bolbot and Chauncey fished. Without instructions or orders, this crew of apprentices ran a safe swim program.



Frank Chlebek works with apprentices.

The group headed back to Carlen via cross country from family camp and covered the terrain in 28 minutes. Chauncey had a bet with Joe Sener that they'd make it in time for dinner. After dinner they hiked around the east end of Lake Wolverine. On that jaunt they caught a good glimpse of the bald eagles and crossed Lake Wolverine via the ferry (two-canoes and a floorboard at Deuces Wild). A two-hour "Taste of Project COPE" proved to be an interesting lesson in building teamwork and self confidence... a super way of ending their training before starting out on their two-week assignments in the camps.

The apprentices closed each day with a campfire, which was attended by Reservation staff members, who introduced themselves, joined in the fire, and shared some advice about Owasippe. Owasippe will be proud to have these young people as members of the staff.



Tom Bolbot and Chauncey cross Lake Wolverine.

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